

EUGENE WEEKLY'S

Holiday Happenings

2014





Festive Feats

CIRQUE DREAMS: HOLIDAZE LIGHTS UP
THE HULT By Rachael Carnes

What combines dancing penguins, tightrope-walking snowmen, gravity-defying aerial feats, illusion, acrobatics and some good old-fashioned song and dance? The answer is *Cirque Dreams: Holidaze*, featuring 20 such dizzying acts and lighting up the Hult Center stage Nov. 22 and 23.

From cruise ships to concert halls, an estimated 50 million people worldwide have attended a Cirque Dreams production. "My goal is to show audiences something they've never seen before," says veteran director-producer Neil Goldberg, founder of the Cirque Dreams juggernaut (not to be confused with the French-Canadian Cirque du Soleil, which is unrelated).

In order to find and recruit talent to his stable of performers, Goldberg has developed relationships with the Mongolian School of Contortion, the Beijing Acrobatic Association, the Cultural Division of the Ethiopian Government and the American Federation of Jump Rope Associations.

"Our casting department looks through 50 submissions per week," Goldberg says. If selected, performers train for up to a year at Goldberg's Dream Theater in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, before ever appearing onstage.

Behind the scenes, any traveling show has to conform to the space it enters, but when the lives of dancers and aerialists are on the line, the intricacies of continually changing venues become a challenge to designers and builders.

"No two theaters in the world are exactly alike, so the set for *Holidaze* is built a bit like an erector set," says Goldberg. "It's possible for it to continually expand and contract to adapt to new theater spaces."

If you're looking for a holiday diversion for all ages, then *Holidaze*, with its glittery, short-attention-span razzmatazz, may fit the bill.

"It's challenging to find something that the whole family can walk out of, having had a good experience," Goldberg says. "But this show brings a smile to everyone's face." ♦

Cirque Dreams: Holidaze runs Nov. 22-23 at the Hult Center; \$30-\$73, tickets at 682-5000 or hultcenter.org.

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Making Memories in the Kitchen

FAMILIES SHARE TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY FOODS *By Rachael Carnes*

Whether it's tamales, suet pudding or even lutefisk, many Eugene families keep memories alive by preparing their favorite holiday foods.

"We eat mushroom soup every Christmas Eve, in keeping with the Polish tradition of my husband's family," says Leigh Christiansen, who co-owns Eugene-based Calypso Fly Fishing Guide Service with her husband, Barrett Christiansen. "We gather chanterelles in the fall, and dry sauté and freeze them for our soup. This ritual is very dear to us."

Many holiday foods originate in religious traditions, elevating simple ingredients to symbolic levels.

"Hanukkah isn't Hanukkah without latkes," says Karen Luks, who works at the UO's Prevention Science Institute. Latkes are made from potatoes, onion and ground matzah meal. Attorney and mom of two Julie Manela adds, "I associate latkes with sour cream and applesauce with the holiday — my mom trying to keep up with frying enough of them, and the smell of frying potatoes."

For Briana Parra, a full-time UO student who holds down three jobs while raising a teenage daughter, the holidays mean seafood. "We do a shrimp and oyster fry every Christmas Eve," Parra says. "We invite our friends and neighbors. It's a tradition that goes back to my great-grandparents."

Then there are the sweets, a seemingly endless collection of delectable morsels made from flour, butter, eggs and sugar. For Greg Schofield, who sells and dispatches rock out of Knife River's Springfield quarry, the holidays are all about stollen, German yeasted bread studded with candied fruit and nuts. "Sliced and toasted and slathered with butter, it's very yummy," Schofield says.

For lots of folks, it just doesn't feel festive without the flavors their families have enjoyed for years.

"We've made nut tossies for generations, and my Grammy always used to make kiffles," says Kristy Munro, who owns and operates the GlassRoots Glass Shop. Hungarian pastries, kiffles and tossies are like tiny pecan pies. "Both are eaten faster than I can make them," Munro says.

Food connects us to the past. The tastes and smells

remind us of sharing time in our kitchens and around our tables with loved ones and friends.

"My mom's parents came from Naples in the early 1900s, and brought this delicious cookie recipe with them," says Lisa Christon, author and director of local non-profit Josephine's Closet. Each year, Christon's family churns out hundreds of tasty mostaccioli, or Italian chocolate spice cookies.

"My mom passed away a few years ago," Christon says, "and making this cookie makes me remember all the happy memories of making them with her." ♦



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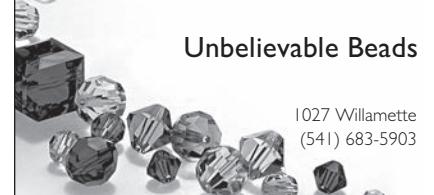
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Magic and Mayhem

TALES OF MISADVENTURES WITH EUGENE BALLET COMPANY'S
THE NUTCRACKER *By Rachael Carnes*

The Eugene Ballet Company has steadfastly delivered heartwarming performances of *The Nutcracker* in every one of its 35 seasons. Usually things go off without a hitch, though over the years there have been a few mishaps.

"This is live performance," says Toni Pimble, artistic director for EBC. "And the unexpected is always upon us."

One year, the giantess Mother Ginger had been outfitted with a new rolling cage underneath her crinolines, rendering the dancer vulnerable to gravity — especially when she began to engage in what Pimble calls "overly enthusiastic arm flapping."

Fortunately, Mother Ginger's charges, tiny girls dressed as candy, had already come out from under her skirt when she began to wobble, and were cheerily dancing in a circle when Mother Ginger toppled over. "Remarkably, the little bonbons didn't miss a step," Pimble says.

Then there was the time that the Mouse King became woefully disoriented. "The mouse masks are not easy to work in; they reduce your peripheral vision," Pimble says.

"The Mouse King got turned around and started backing up, and then he just fell into the orchestra pit," Pimble says. "He was knocked out cold."

In *Nutcracker* performances, the Mouse King is traditionally carried away on a stretcher to the wails of his mouse followers.

Here, life imitated art, as EMTs wheeled the Mouse King offstage. "He waved to the audience," Pimble says, "but I think it's just because he was in shock."

Audiences may be too lulled by the magical story to appreciate the perils of puppet and mask work or the rigors of its choreography, but the piece demands a lot from its dancers. "The grand pas de deux, with the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier, are technically challenging and require a great deal of stamina," Pimble says.

Likewise, "The Polichinelles-Harlequin is a difficult piece, with petit allegro, or fast footwork," Pimble says. "And the 'Russian Dance,' it's like the 4-minute mile. They go out and they go full blast."

But, she adds, "there are a lot of parts, like the 'Waltz of the Flowers,' that can focus on technique."

Whether it's your first viewing or your 35th, Pimble suggests that the ballet has staying power because of its indelible story, and also "because the Tchaikovsky score is beautifully written."

This year, performances will feature live music with Orchestra NEXT.

"We have families who come year after year," Pimble says. "The tradition holds very strong." ♦

The Nutcracker runs Dec. 19-21 at the Hult Center; \$28-43, tickets at 682-5000 or hultcenter.org.

Sounds of the Season

A SLEIGHFUL OF TRADITIONAL (AND NOT SO TRADITIONAL)

OPTIONS FOR HOLIDAY MUSIC By Brett Campbell

There are plenty of traditional holiday sounds available this month, but happily, Eugene music organizations are also providing worthwhile alternatives when the wassail grows stale.

The seasonal fare starts with the ever-popular University of Oregon holiday choral and gospel concerts Dec. 6-7 at Beall Concert Hall, featuring youthfully exuberant energy and traditional faves.

The biggest holiday extravaganza happens Dec. 7 at the Hult Center's Silva Hall, when the Eugene Concert Choir, Oregon Mozart Players and Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble team up with guests Mason "Classical Gas" Williams, Shedd regular Bill Hulings, Darline Jackson, South Eugene H.S. Concert Choir, Oregon Tuba Ensemble and a cappella singers Evynne and Peter Hollens, Rezonate and Synergy. Be prepared to carol along.

For sounds on a smaller scale, Chamber Music Amici's Dec. 8 performance at Springfield's Wildish Community Theater features some of the city's top musicians in a Mozart Piano Quartet and Boccherini's famous "fandango" guitar quintet, featuring the excellent Portland guitarist Scott Kritzer and those clacky castanets.

Explore nontraditional holiday music at The Shedd on Dec. 8, when Jóse Hernández and Sol De México celebrate Mexico's Christmas with seasonal mariachi music from Veracruz, Yucatan and Jalisco, and on Dec. 11 and 14 with the Emerald City Jazz Kings Christmas show.

One of my favorite traditions, Oregon Mozart Players' Candlelight Baroque concert on Dec. 19-20, features music by J.S. Bach (a Brandenburg concerto and an orchestral suite), his brilliant son Carl Philip Emanuel and Vivaldi.

Finally, let's hope Eugene Opera's New Year's Eve



celebration becomes a tradition — and not just here: It's such a treat to celebrate music instead of going out, getting hammered and endangering others on the road. Instead, make a special night of it by checking out Donizetti's bubbly comedy, *The Elixir of Love*. There's

also a matinee performance Jan. 4, giving you time to recuperate from the hangover if you took the former alternative instead. ♦

For addresses and contact information for the events and venues, please see our listings.

Holiday Drama

FAMILY-FRIENDLY THEATER TO BEAT THE WINTER BLUES By Anna Grace

Wanna catch a show? Holiday theater abounds in our suddenly festive town. This year local theaters are offering fun, family-friendly shows that aren't necessarily Christmas-focused. Your options are as follows:

SHE LOVES ME

Cottage Theatre is producing this sweet musical. *She Loves Me* is taken from the same story as the 1993 classic, *Sleepless in Seattle*. Fun music and dancing accompany the tale of corresponding sweethearts. The Cottage Theatre builds on a string of strong musicals, making this play a good bet. Dec. 5-21.

ANNIE

Michael P. Watkins directs this classic at Actors Cabaret of Eugene. It's guaranteed to be chockfull of cute kids and good humor. No one minds if you sing along, and

dinner with dessert at intermission makes this a popular family outing. Nov. 21-Dec. 20.

BABES IN ARMS

Babes in Arms is a fun, 1930s Rodgers & Hart musical about a group of kids trying to get out of a summer on the work farm by putting on a show. "It's a pleasure to listen to and work on the music of Rodgers and Hart," says the show's director Peg Major. "Some of the most memorable of their songs are in this show. I think everyone will recognize a lot of the music." This Shedd production boasts a full orchestra, with musical direction by Robert Ashens. Major says, "I've been very inspired by watching Maestro Robert Ashens work his magic. He is a fountain of knowledge and is so wonderfully gifted as a vocal and orchestral director." Dec. 5-21.

AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

Ballet Fantastique is taking Charles Dickens' tale and setting it in a stylized, post-WWII America. To set the

mood, Eugene's own Halie Loren, an internationally recognized jazz singer, will perform new arrangements of standards by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole. This mash-up of jazz, ballet and classic literature sounds like a fascinating dramatic experiment. Hult Center, Dec. 12-19.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Oregon Contemporary Theatre presents the world premiere of Elizabeth Helman's new adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic. OCT is hoping to usher families through their doors with this production. According to artistic director Craig Willis, "We want to make sure that each year we're including programming that is family friendly, so that we reach new patrons and so that our current patrons have opportunities to introduce their kids and/or grandkids to the magic of live theatre. Also, it really is a fun story to tell and it's great having three generations of performers on the stage telling this story." Dec. 5-20.

These shows are just what's new this year. If you are really sold on tradition, it's hard to beat Radio Redux's *It's a Wonderful Life*, Rose Children's Theatre's *Glee Xmas Review* and, of course, the Eugene Ballet Company will present *The Nutcracker*. ♦

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CALENDAR

2014 Holiday Happenings

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

Fern Ridge & Veneta Annual Holiday Bazaar, food and crafts by local artisans, 10am-7pm today and 10am-4pm Nov. 22, 541-935-8443.

Maude Kerns presents "Art for All Seasons" exhibit, Nov. 21 - Dec. 19, Opening Reception Nov. 21, 6-8pm, Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 E. 15th Ave., 345-1571. FREE.

Annie, 7:30pm, Nov. 21, 22, 28, 29 & Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20; 2pm brunch matinees, Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette St., 683-4368. \$16-\$42.95.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Holiday Market, 10am-6pm: 10:30am The Hummingbirds; 11:30am Gordon Kaswell; 12:30pm Eagle Park Slim; 1:45pm Acoustic Etouffee; 3:15pm Brume; 4:45pm The Fiddlin' Big Sue Band, Lane Events Center, 13th & Jefferson, holidaymarket.org. FREE.

Viva la France! American pianist Stephen Beus plays Chopin, Haydn & Rameau, conducted by Kelly Kuo, 7:30pm, Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave., 346-4363. \$18-\$45.

Curious George: Holiday Daze, holiday circus show, 7:30pm today & 2pm Nov. 23, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$30-\$73.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

Holiday Market, 10am-6pm: 10:30am Rich Glauber; 11:30am Richard Crandell; 12:30pm Laura Kemp Trio; 1:45pm Rob Tobias & Friends; 3:15pm The Texas Toasters; 4:45pm The Fiannacats, Lane Events Center, 13th & Jefferson, holidaymarket.org. FREE.

Holiday Bazaar Trunk Show, holiday sale of costuming, imports & more, 2-5pm, Celebration Belly Dance & Yoga Studio, 1840 Willamette St. FREE.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

New Zone Gallery Holiday Store featuring handcrafted gifts made for the holidays under \$50, noon-6pm Tuesdays through Saturdays, Nov. 25 to Dec. 27, 164 W. Broadway, 683-0759.

Lane Symphonic Band & Lane Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, Ragozzino Hall, LCC, 4000 E. 30th Ave. \$3-\$5.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

On the Air: Thanksgiving Gypsy Swing, 9pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner hosted by Friendly Street Church of God, transportation available and volunteers welcome, noon-3pm, 2290 Friendly St., 345-6553. FREE.

Turkey Trot, 4-mile run, 2-mile walk, benefit run for FOOD for Lane County & St. Vincent de Paul, 9am, Valley River Center, register through FOOD for Lane County or Eugene Running Company, 116 Oakway Center, \$20 adults, \$15 for 17 and younger, level32racing.com.

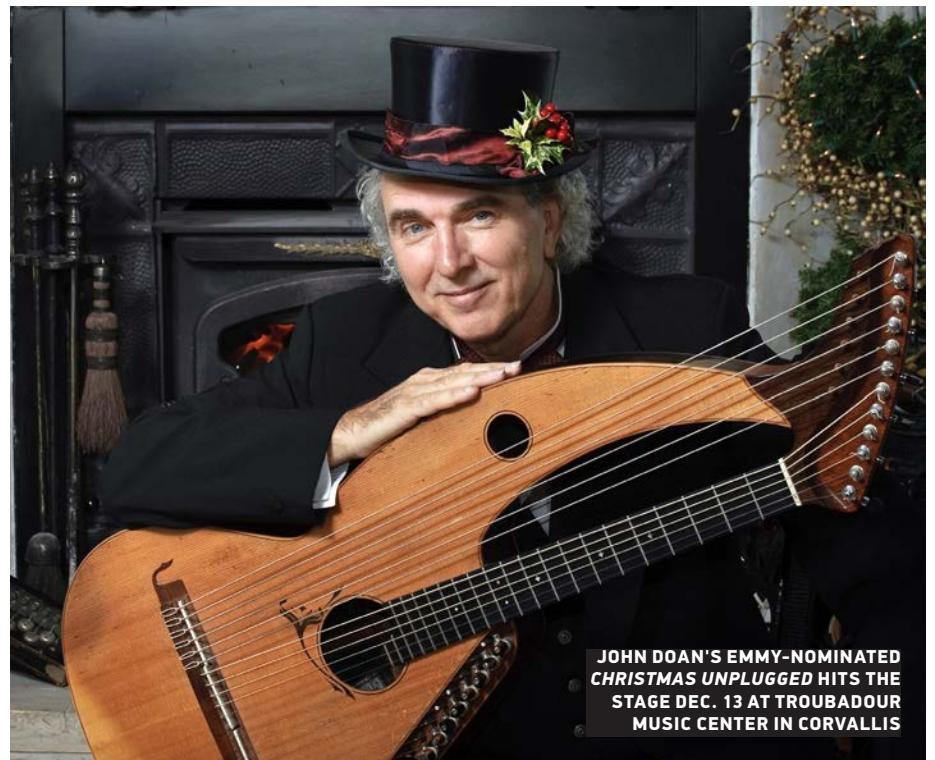
FRIDAY, NOV. 28

Thanksgiving Wine Tasting, noon-6pm today through Sunday, Nov. 30, Iris Vineyards, 82110 Territorial Hwy. \$5.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

5 Star Holiday Sale, pottery, ceramics, art, jewelry, antiques, African baskets & Christmas home decor, 10am-4pm today & 11am-4pm tomorrow, Nov. 30, Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette St., 520-5365. FREE.

Oregon Ballet Academy's *Swan Lake*, 2pm & 7pm today, 1pm & 6pm tomorrow, Nov. 30, LCC Auditorium, 4000 E. 30th Ave., oregonballetacademy.com. \$15.



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CHRISTMAS UNPLUGGED HITS THE
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All That! Dance presents Nutcracker Remixed, 7pm today & 3pm Nov. 30, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center. SOLD OUT.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

Festival of Trees, holiday display benefiting the Military Heritage Museum, noon-3pm, \$1; Festival of Trees Gala, appetizers & champagne, Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, 997-1200. \$30-\$200.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

Shasta Middle School Winter Concert, 7pm, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, \$10.50.

Choose 'n' Cut Christmas Trees, take a hayride to cut a tree, daily through Dec. 24, Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm, 367?? Wheeler Rd., Pleasant Hill, 246-5161.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

Holiday Marketplace, handcrafted gifts & homemade delicacies, 9am-7pm today through Dec. 4, Willamalane Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

Winter Wednesdays, store & exhibits open until 6pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

River Road Candlelight Tour, 6-8pm, info at 688-4052.

Affordable Art [Small Treasures] Show & Sale, today through Dec. 30 w/Holiday Open House 5-8pm Friday, Dec. 12, Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St., Spfd., 726-8595. FREE.

Scientific Illustration demo w/illustrator Becky Uhler & purchase holiday crafts, 4:30-6pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

Lane Concert Choir, Chamber Choir & Gospel Choir Concert, 7:30pm, Ragozzino Hall, LCC, 4000 E. 30th Ave. \$3-\$5.

Eugene Symphony: Mendelssohn & Elgar, 8pm, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$17-\$59.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

7th Annual Holiday Sale at Clay Space featuring more than 15 local artists, 5-9pm today, 11am-9pm Dec. 6, noon-5pm Dec. 7, Clay Space, 222 Polk St.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, 7:30pm today, Dec. 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20, 2:30pm matinees Dec. 7, 14 & 21, Oregon Contemporary Theatre, 194 W. Broadway, 465-1506. \$15-\$26.

Rodgers & Hart's *Babes in Arms*, 7:30pm today, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 12 & Dec. 19-20, 1:30pm matinees Dec. 7, Dec. 13 & Dec. 21, The Shedd, 868 High St., 687-6526. \$20-\$42.

She Loves Me, a musical romance, 8pm, Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20, 2:30pm matinees Dec. 7, 14 & 21, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove, 942-8001. \$19-\$23.

Dr. Snapp House Christmas Bazaar, decorated historic home w/gifts & goodies for sale, 4-8pm today, 10am-8pm Dec. 6 & 11am-3pm Dec. 7, 360 S. River Rd., Cottage Grove. FREE.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

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344-1049. \$8 adults, \$5 kids, ages 3 & under free. Fools Haven presents The New Shakespeare Showcase: A Cavalcade of the Bard's Juicy Scenes, 7pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd., 868-0689. \$6-\$8.

Holiday Open Studio, work by six artists, 10am-4pm, Gabriella's Studio, 3360 Kincaid St. FREE.

Open House & Holiday Open Sale, 11am-5pm today, Dec. 7 & Dec. 13-14, Thimbleberry Felt Gallery, 2630 Agate St., 521-8701.

Emerald City Roller Girls Bout 4, 5pm, Lane Events Center, 796 W. 13th Ave. \$12.

Eugene Symphony Guild's Holiday Kitchen Tour, visit homes, meet local chefs and sample their creations, plus Guild Sweet Shoppe held at Sprout! kitchen, pre-parade pancake breakfast, live music, raffle, 9am-4pm, Sprout! 418 A St., Spfd., tickets available at Jerry's, Shamrock & other outlets, 255-7323. \$15 adv., \$18 door.

Tracie Manso's 19th Annual Pottery Studio Sale and Open House, 10am-6pm today and Dec. 7 2966 Calla St., 342-8213. FREE.

Springfield Christmas Parade: Melodies & Memories, music, activities & a visit by Santa, 1pm, downtown Springfield, springfieldchristmasparage.org. FREE.

Annual Greens Sale hosted by Eugene Garden Club, natural wreaths, table floral designs, little trees, cone baskets, poinsettias and other holiday home decorations, 9am-3pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., 485-5727 for more information or special orders.

Jingle Bells Run, 12k run [new], 8k run and 5k run/walk, music, Santa, breakfast, 10:30am, Maurie Jacobs Park, reg. at Eugene Running Co., 484-9883, eclecticedgeracing.com, \$15-25.

Eugene Waldorf School's Winter Light Faire, puppet shows, cakewalks, candle dipping, *The Nutcracker* ballet, Hanukkah room, the Golden Goose school store,

crafts, games, food and live music, 11am-4pm, 1350 McLean Blvd, FREE, most activities require ticket; \$1.50 each.

Experience Christmas w/NCU Hope, sights & sounds of Christmas concerts, 2pm & 7pm, Dec. 6-7 & 7pm, Dec. 8, Evans Chapel, Northwest Christian University, 828 E. 11th Ave. \$5, under 12 FREE.

Victorian Family Holidays, decorate cookies, make Christmas crackers, string popcorn & more, 11am-2pm, Shelton McMurphy Johnson House, 303 Willamette St., 484-0808. FREE.

Cascadia Wildlands' 12th Annual Wonderland Auction, live and silent auctions, live jazz, buffet dinner, Ninkasi beer and local wine, 6-10pm, The Center for Meeting & Learning, LCC, 4000 E. 30th Ave., 434-1463. \$40-\$400.

Winter Wonders Wander, family-paced walk in the woods w/trail activities, cozy fireside nature tales & tea, 1-3pm, Hendricks Park, reg. at 687-9969. \$2 per person, \$5 family, members FREE.

UO Holiday Choral Concert, 7:30pm, Beall Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave., 346-4363. \$5-\$7.

Art Avenue Winter Show & Sale, 10am-5pm today & Dec. 13, noon-4pm, Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, Art Avenue Art Collective, 2545 Birch Lane. FREE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

Willakenzie Holiday Bazaar, 10am-3pm, The Grange, 3055 Willakenzie Rd. FREE.

Eugene Concert Choir Holiday Extravaganza featuring Mason Williams & friends, Peter Hollens, Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble & more, 3pm, Hult Center, One Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$17-\$42.

UO Gospel Choirs & Ensembles, 5pm, Beall Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave., 346-4363. \$5-\$8.

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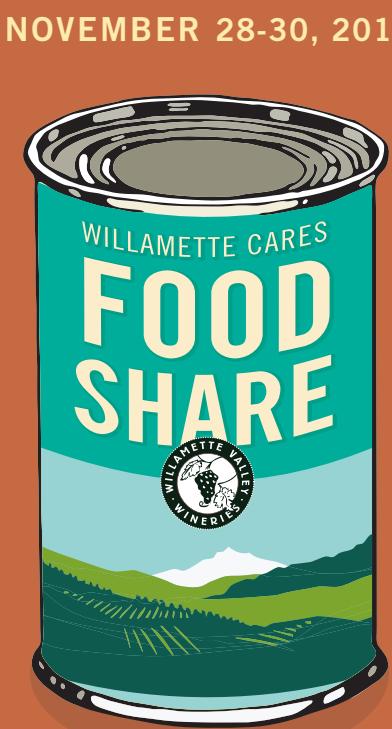
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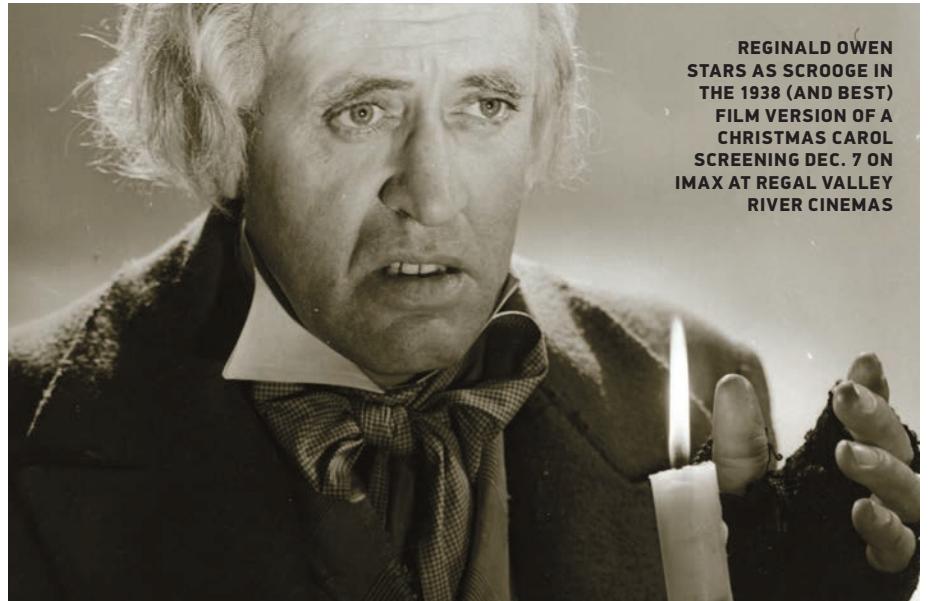
LANE EVENTS CENTER - PERFORMANCE HALL
MUSIC, CRAFT TABLE, RAFFLE



WINE COUNTRY THANKSGIVING



Join us Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate a bountiful harvest and the holiday season. Willamette Valley Wineries welcome you to taste new wines, enjoy barrel tastings, live music and special discounts while supporting the local community in a valley-wide food drive. See willamettewines.com for details.



REGINALD OWEN
STARS AS SCROOGE IN
THE 1938 (AND BEST)
FILM VERSION OF A
CHRISTMAS CAROL
SCREENING DEC. 7 ON
IMAX AT REGAL VALLEY
RIVER CINEMAS

Connecticut will screen at 7pm today at Regal Valley River Center, 500 Valley River Center. \$12.50.

Oregon's Ugliest Sweater Run, 11am at Alton Baker Park, for more info visit oregonsugliestsweaterrun.com. \$49.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

Chamber Music Amici, 7:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd., 953-9204. \$20-\$30.

Candlelight Tour, 6-9pm today, Dec. 18 & Dec. 21, Shelton McMurphy Johnson House, 303 Willamette St., 484-0808. \$6.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Winter Wednesdays, store & exhibits open until 6pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

The Shedd Institute presents A Mariachi Christmas! w/ Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, 7:30pm, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$24-\$38.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

Very Victorian Holiday Party and Silent Auction, 6pm, Shelton McMurphy Johnson House, 541-484-0808, www.smjhouse.org, \$25.

Fern Ridge Light Parade, parade floats light up the night, 7pm, starts on 8th Street in downtown Veneta. FREE.

The Emerald City Jazz Kings present "Let Your Heart Be Light," holiday concert, 7:30pm today & 1:30pm Dec. 14, The Shedd, 868 High St.; 7:30pm Dec. 16 at LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis; 7:30pm Dec. 17 at Florence Events Center, 434-7000. \$18-\$34.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

Make Some Noise! Winter Solstice Celebration, music, performance and crafts, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. \$5, free w/FOOD for Lane County don.

30th Anniversary of A Celtic Holiday featuring Dylan Thomas' A Child's Christmas in Wales, narrated by David Stuart Bull, music by Linda Danielson & Chico Schwall, 3pm today, Dec. 13, 19 & 20, 9:30pm Dec. 18, 22 & 23, Cafe Soriah, 384 W. 13th Ave., 342-4410. \$10. Swing Shift Jazz Orchestra plays Duke Ellington's "Nutcracker Suite" & more holiday music, 7:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. \$15-\$35.

Ballet Fantastique's An American Christmas Carol, set in the 1940s w/live music by Halie Loren, 7:30pm today & tomorrow, 2:30pm Dec. 14, Hult Center, One Eugene Center, 342-4611. \$49.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

Frozen Trail Runfest, 5K, 6, and 14 mile, 50K, 9am start for 50K, 10am all other events, Mount Pisgah, register at Eugene Running Company, 484-9883, 116 Oakway Center, \$20-\$50.

Children's Christmas Party in Cottage Grove, kids shopping trip, breakfast, visit w/Santa & more, sponsored by Kiwanis Club, 7:11:30am, info at cgchamber.com.

Atencio's Art & Greek Patry Festival, 11am-3pm today & 1-4pm Sunday, Dec. 14, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 202 Hillview 1. FREE.

Christmas Unplugged: Reclaiming the Holiday Spirit w/ musician John Doan, 8pm, Troubadour Music Center, 521 SW Second St., Corvallis. \$10-\$15.

Emerald Valley Opry's Christmas Opry w/Oregon Valley Boys, Big Foot Lane, Willamette High School Choir & more, 6pm, Willamette High School, 1891 Echo Hollow Rd. \$3-\$6, \$1 off admission w/donation of food or toy.

12th Annual Adventures in Narnia Holiday Ballet presented by Hosanna Performing Arts Foundation,

1pm and 7pm today, 4pm Dec. 14, Ragozzino Performance Hall, Lane Community College, 607-5798. \$13 adv., \$15 door.

Holiday Tea at the Shelton McMurphy Johnson House, 1pm today & tomorrow, recurring every Saturday & Sunday through Dec. 21, by reservation, www.smjhouse.org or 541-484-0808 for reservations, \$30.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

13th Annual HOUR Traders Winter Celebration, holiday gifts, music, activities & entertainment, 11am-5pm, Old World Deli Arena, 341 SW 2nd St., Corvallis. FREE.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

Shelton McMurphy Johnson House presents Candlelight Tour of Petersen Barn, 7pm, info at 484-0808, www.smjhouse.org.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

Basketry Demo & Trunk Show w/ Patricia Montoya-Donohue & Kim Black, basketry techniques using natural NW materials, 4:30pm, store & exhibits open until 6pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

Holiday Sing, sing-along w/Adult Activity Center's Sharps & Flats choral group, 1pm, Willamalane Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

Oregon Mozart Players' Candlelight Baroque, featuring Bach, C.P.E. Bach and Vivaldi, 7:30pm today & tomorrow, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St. \$10-\$45.

Eugene Ballet Company's The Nutcracker, 7:30pm today & Dec. 20, 2pm Dec. 20 & 21, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$15-\$53.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

Oregon Mozart Players' Candlelight Baroque continues. See Saturday, Dec. 19.

Dance Factory's Elemental Collision, 7:30pm, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$15.

Nutcracker Tea w/Mark Lewis & The Sugar Plum Fairy, noon today & Dec. 21, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center. FREE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

Eugene Sacred Harp Singers' Annual Concert and Sing-Along, 7pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., 345-3626, FREE, donations welcome.

Winterdance: A Celtic Christmas Celebration feat. Holly's Revenge w/Christa Burch & The Murray Irish Dancers, 8pm, Majestic Theatre, 115 SW 2nd St., Corvallis. \$18 adv., \$20 door.

MONDAY, DEC. 22

Family Swims, 3-5 pm today & Dec. 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31, 3-5pm, Tamarack Pool, 3575 Donald St., 686-9290. \$3-\$5.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

On the Air: "Merry Beatles: A Cool Yule with the Fab Four," mostly jazz covers of Beatles tunes, 9pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

MONDAY, DEC. 31

Eugene Opera presents Donizetti's The Elixir of Love, 7:30pm today & 2:30pm Jan. 4, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center, 682-5000. \$20-\$79.

An Evening w/The Floydian Slips, 9pm, McDonald Theatre. \$20.